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INFORMATION

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted with the following citation as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(d).

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Applicant(s) are submitting herewith a copy of Form PTO-1449 which list documents cited in parent application(s) Serial No. 10/252,415, filed September 24, 2002.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits. A copy of said reference is attached herewith.

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